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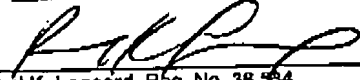
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request the application to be amended as follows. The period for reply has been extended to and through April 28, 2007 by submission of a petition and fee herewith.

Amendment of the claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 21.